

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Paragraph bridging pages 5 and 6:

Figure 1a - 1c show in exploded view, schematically and in cross-section the same embodiment of a vertically joined flooring material according to the invention. The flooring material is shown before (fig. 1a), during (fig. 1b) and after (figure 1c) the assembly. The floor boards 1 are provided with edges 2 which are provided with a notch groove 2' a lower side 5 and a top surface. The floor boards 1 are intended to be joined by means of separate joining profiles 10. All edges 2 are provided with one groove 4 each, which grooves 4 are arranged parallel to their respective edges 2. The grooves are placed on the lower side 5 at a distance of less than one fourth of the width of the floor board 1, from the closest edge 2. The section placed between the edges 2 and the grooves 4 has a thickness which is less than the maximum floor board thickness by a recess 6 on the lower side 5 of the floor board 1. The thickness of the floor board 1 is normally between 5 and 15 mm whereby a suitable depth of the recess is 1 - 5 mm. The joining profile 10 is provided with lips 11 arranged in pairs. The lips 11 are each intended to be received by one of the grooves 4 of a floor board 1 so that adjacent floor boards 1 with the grooves at the adjacent edges 2 are guided and fixed horizontally via the lips 11 of a joining profile 10. The lips 11 are connected to each other via a middle section 12 on the joining profile 10. The floor boards 1 will hereby be forced against each other whereby gaps can be avoided. The joining profiles 10 are provided with a central cheek section 13 which is constituted by a first and a second independently resilient cheek 13' and 13" respectively. The cheeks 13' and 13" respectively, are provided with each one tongue 14' and 14" respectively. The tongues 14' and 14" respectively are intended to be received by each one notch groove 2' whereby adjacent floor boards 1 are guided in the vertical direction. The joining profiles 10 are manufactured in lengths exceeding the length of a floor board 1 and are cut to the desired length at the assembly. It is possible to provide the joining profiles 10 in the form of rolls. The embodiment shown in the

figures 1a - c will give a minimum of machining and loss of the costly decorative upper surface 3 during manufacturing.

Please insert the following paragraph on a new line following the first paragraph of page 6:

Fig. 1a shows a vertical plane P, which includes a distal end of the floor board 1. Additionally, the notch 2' is defined by a shoulder 30, which also terminates in a distal end 32. An indentation 34, between vertical plane P and the distal end of the shoulder 32, is shown as having a width greater than the width of cheek 13".

Paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7:

Figure 2a - 2c shows schematically and in cross-section different embodiments of an alternative embodiment of a vertically joined flooring material according to the invention. The floor boards 1 are provided with edges 2 which are provided with a notch groove 2', a lower side 5 and an upper decorative surface 3. The floor boards 1 are intended to be joined by means of separate joining profiles 10. All edges 2 are provided with each one groove 4, which grooves 4 are arranged parallel to its respective edge 2. The grooves 4 on the lower side 5 are arranged on distance of less than one quarter, of the width of the floor board 1, from the closest edge 2. The section placed between the edges 2 and the grooves 4 has a thickness which is less than the maximum floor board thickness by a recess 6 on the lower side 5 of the floor board 1. The thickness of the floor board 1 is normally between 5 and 15 mm whereby a suitable depth of the recess is 1 - 5 mm. The joining profile 10 is provided with lips 11 arranged in pairs. The lips 11 are arranged on a greater distance from each other than as previously shown in figure 1. The lips 11 are each intended to be received by one of the grooves 4 of a floor board 1 so that adjacent floor boards 1 with the grooves 4 at the adjacent edges 2 are guided and fixed horizontally via the lips 11 of a joining profile 10. The lips 11 are connected to each other via a middle section 12 on the joining profile 10. The floor boards 1 will hereby be forced against each other whereby gaps can be avoided. The joining profiles 11 are provided with a central cheek section 13 which is

constituted by a first and a second independently resilient cheek 13' and 13" respectively. The cheeks 13' and 13" respectively are placed at a greater distance from each other than as previously shown in figure 1. The cheeks 13' and 13" respectively are provided with each one tongue 14' and 14" respectively. The tongues 14' and 14" respectively are intended to be received by each one notch ~~groove~~ 2' whereby adjacent floor boards 1 are guided in the vertical direction. The joining profiles 10 are manufactured in lengths exceeding the length of a floor board 1 and are cut to the desired length during the installation. It is possible to provide the joining profiles 10 in the form of rolls. The embodiments shown in the figures 2a - c will give a minimum of machining and loss of the costly decorative upper surface 3 during manufacturing. A decorative strip 20 is assembled from above, into the gap that is formed between two floor boards 1. The decorative strip 20 is provided with heels 21 at its lower part. The heels 21 are intended to interact with depressions 15 on the joining profile 10. The decorative strip 20 is furthermore provided with shoulders 22 which are intended to interact with edges 16 on the joining profile 10.